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piv·ot

piv·ot (pīv'ət) *noun*

1. A short rod or shaft on which a related part rotates or swings.
2. A person or thing on which something depends or turns; the central or crucial factor.
3. The act of turning on or as if on a pivot.

verb

piv·ot·ed, piv·ot·ing, piv·ots *verb, transitive*

1. To mount on, attach by, or provide with a pivot or pivots.
2. To cause to rotate, revolve, or turn.

verb, intransitive

To turn on or as if on a pivot: "*The plot . . . lacks direction, pivoting on Hamlet's incertitude*" (G. Wilson Knight).

[French, from Old French.]

— **piv'ot·a·ble** *adjective*

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